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- After 11 years we received a letter sent by my father-in-law who lives on a small farm near the village of Pokropivna, about six kilometers southwest of Yeserna (Jezerna), and west of Ternopol. This area is now part of the USSR. This letter was mailed in September 1954 to an uncle of ours in Canada, who in turn forwarded the letter to us in the US in November 1954.
- This letter was the first which the uncle had received from our relatives in Pokropivna for 11 years and he said that it came direct rather than via Krakow.
- 3. My father-in-law is 76 years old and his sister who lives with him is 83 years old. They live on a farm so small that they are able to grow only potatoes and cabbage. They also have three goats which supply them with a little milk. My father-in-law does not belong to the kolkhoz.
- 4. The house in which my in-laws live consists of two rooms, a kitchen and a bedroom. Until 1943, my father-in-law owned approximately 25 acres of land and had about 10 cows. This was all confiscated by the Communists.
- 5. My father-in-law wrote that it was extremely cold during the winter of 1953-54. The temperatures were about minus 20 degrees Centigrade. He said that they did not have any coal or wood to burn, nor could they buy any. My in-laws wrote that if it were possible, to please send them some blankets since they do not have anything to cover themselves with. The blankets will be sent through the uncle in Canada if it is possible.

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